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SUBJECT: SWEDISH FIRMS HOPE TO OBTAIN LARGE ECUADOREAN ORDER FOR
FISH PROCESSING AND PORT INSTALLATIONS

REF: STOCKHOLM 2986

1. GOE'S SUBSECRETARY FOR FISHERIES (AS SUCH, DEPUTY TO
COL. SEMBLANTES, THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES) TOLD
EMBOFF JULY 18 THAT GOE PLANS REGARDING MANTA AND POSORJA
AT THIS STAGE DO NOT COVER MORE THAN CONSTRUCTION OF BASIC
INFRASTRUCTURE, AT A COST APPROXIMATING \$17 MILLION. WHEN
ASKED ABOUT "REPORTS" THAT MINISTER SEMBLANTES HAD DISCUSSED
WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS A \$70 MILLION PROJECT, INCLUDING NOT
ONLY BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE BUT ALSO TURNKEY FISH-PROCESSING
PALNTS, THE SUBSECRETARY ASSERTED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
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MINISTER HAD DISCUSSED ONLY THE BASIC \$17 MILLION PROJECT
AND HAD MADE PLAIN TO THE INTERESTED PARTIES IN SWEDEN
THEIR OFFER FOR THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH
THE INTERNATIONAL BIDDING PROCESS EXPECTED TO BE HELD
AROUND APRIL 1978; THE SWEDISH (OR SWEDISH/DANISH)
OFFER WOULD THEN BE JUDGED ON ITS RELATIVE MERITS IN
COMPARISON WITH WHATEVER OFFERS ARE RECEIVED FROM OTHER

FOREIGN FIRMS. (THE LATTER REMARKS CONFIRM PARA 5 OF
REFTEL.)

2. FOR THE RECORD, ECUADOR SINCE 1972 HAS BEEN UNDER
MILITARY RULE, SO THAT GOS MINISTER'S REFERENCE TO THE
ROLE OF "THE ECUADOREAN PARLIAMENT" IS AN ANOCHRONISM.
THE GOE MILITARY REGIME HAS PROMISED TO TURN THE GOVERN-
MENT OVER TO CIVILIANS THROUGH ELECTIONS, AND IF
PRESENT PLANS MATERIALIZE, THERE MAY AGAIN BE A
CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT HERE, WITH A PARLIAMENT, AS
OF JUNE 1978; BUT THE DECISION ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
BIDS IS LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE THEN.
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